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Dear Department of Justice:

I wish to comment on the proposed settlement of United States vs Microsoft.

I believe Microsoft should be left free to produce and sell whatever software they want to. I do not believe they should be punished or restricted in any way, for they have done nothing wrong.

Microsoft has produced many good products that have greatly helped its customers. I, along with millions of other Americans, use this company's products, such as operating systems, web browsers and electronic-mail programs, every day. I am very happy with my purchases, and I very much want Microsoft to be free to offer me its best efforts for sale in the future.

Successful companies do not deserve to be throttled by the government; rather, they deserve to have their property, which they have earned through voluntary trade, protected.

The complaints against Microsoft have been made by various unsuccessful competitors. These companies, along with the government, have no right to tell me what software I can buy to run on my computer, nor do they have any right to stop Microsoft from selling software that consumers everywhere are eager to buy. Microsoft has initiated force against nobody.

Microsoft, and the people who want to buy their products should be left to peacefully pursue their business. Their success is not a threat to anybody.

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